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SUBJ: CHILEAN MIDDLE EAST POLICY

1. SUMMARY: IN UNUSUAL SETTING OF DINNER PARTY FOR ALL THREE ARAB AMBASSADORS ACCREDITED IN SANTIAGO, FONMIN CARVAJAL GAVE LENGTHY TOAST CITING TRADITIONAL FRIENDSHIP OF CHILE WITH ARAB NATIONS AND FULL GOC SUPPORT FOR MIDDLE EAST SETTLEMENT ON LINES OF UN RES 242. STATEMENT WAS CAREFULLY BALANCED, AND CARVAJAL EMPHASIZED INTERDEPENDENT NATURE OF ELEMENTS OF RES 242. ARAB AMBASSADORS WERE APPARENTLY SATISFIED WITH STATEMENT, WHICH THEY REALIZE REPRESENTS LITTLE REAL CHANGE IN GOC POSITION, WHILE ISRAELI EMB ONLY MILDLY DISTURBED. GOC IS COURTING ARAB CAPITAL, ARAB VOTES OR AT LEAST BENEVOLENCE IN UN AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL FORA, AND IS TRYING TO REINFORCE LINKS TO "THIRD WORLD", BUT WE DO NOT FORESEE SIGNIFICANT SHIFT FROM BASIC CHILEAN NEUTRALITY ON ARAB-ISRAELI CONFLICT. END SUMMARY.

2. AT DINNER JULY 1 FOR AMBS OF JORDAN, EGYPT, AND SYRIA, FONMIN CARVAJAL RECALLED ARAB INFLUENCE IN HISPANIC TRADI-
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TION, FRIENDLY TIES OF CHILE WITH ARAB STATES, AND EXISTENCE

OF SIZABLE "ARAB" COMMUNITY IN CHILE. HE NOTED CHILE'S "PACIFISTIC VOCATION", AND ITS "PROFOUND CONCERN OVER UNDUE PROLONGATION OF (MIDDLE EAST) PROBLEM," WHICH "ENDANGERS WORLD PEACE", SAID PROBLEM SHOULD BE CONSIDERED WITHOUT PREJUDICE AND REALISTICALLY. CITED UN SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 242 (1967), AND MADE CAREFUL REFERENCE TO SOME OF ITS ELEMENTS: WITHDRAWAL OF ISRAEL FROM OCCUPIED TERRITORIES, SOLUTION TO PALESTINIAN PROBLEM, AND RESPECT FOR TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY AND POLITICAL INDEPENDENCE OF ALL STATES OF ZONE. MADE EXTRA POINT OF "RECIPROCAL INFLUENCE" OF EACH PART, AND NEED FOR "CONSIDERATION (OF PROBLEM) IN GLOBAL FORM" FOR JUST AND LASTING SOLUTION.

3. SYRIAN AMB REPLIED FOR ARABS, CITING "INTRANSIGENCE OF ISRAEL" AND NOTING THAT CARVAJAL'S TOAST FILLED THEM WITH "HOPE AND CONFIDENCE THAT FROM THIS NEW POLICY CAN EMERGE POSITIVE RESULTS" IN VARIOUS AREAS OF ARAB-CHILEAN COOPERATION.

4. EGYPTIAN DELEGATION TOURING LATIN AMERICA (CAIRO 6181) ARRIVED IN SANTIAGO JULY 2, AHEAD OF SCHEDULE.

5. COMMENT: WE DO NOT INTERPRET CARVAJAL STATEMENT AS INDICATING FUNDAMENTAL CHANGE IN GOC POLICY. GOC WANTS TO STAY NEUTRAL ON MIDDLE EAST PROBLEM AND HAS NO WISH TO SELL ISRAEL OUT, BUT ALSO RECOGNIZES NEED FOR ARAB SUPPORT. CAREFULLY COMPOSED STATEMENT DOES NOT COMMIT GOC TO MUCH. JORDANIAN AMB TOLD EMBOFF THAT HE AND ARAB COLLEAGUES SATISFIED WITH STATEMENT, RECOGNIZE THAT GOC COULD NOT GO FURTHER, AND THAT GOC POSITION NOT RPT NOT SIGNIFICANTLY CHANGED. ISRAELI CHARGE TOLD EMBOFF THAT WHILE STATEMENT OBVIOUSLY NOT PLEASING TO ISRAEL, HE DID NOT REGARD IT WITH ALARM. HE WAS MORE CONCERNED WITH RECENT GOC VOTE IN ILO TO SUPPORT PLO OBSERVERSHIP, AND RESIGNED TO FACT THAT GOC WILL CONTINUE TO VOTE "POPULAR" SIDE IN INTERNATIONAL FORA WHEN NO BASIC CHILEAN ISSUE INVOLVED AND VOTE IS NOT DIRECT ANTI-ISRAEL CONFRONTATION.

6. GOC POSITION MOTIVATED IN OUR OPINION BY HOPE OF ATTRACTING ARAB CAPITAL INVESTMENT, BUT NEED FOR ARAB VOTES OR AT LEAST ABSTENTION IN CHILE'S POLITICAL BATTLES IN

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INTERNATIONAL BODIES, AND BY DESIRE TO STRENGTHEN RELATIONS WITH "THIRD WORLD".
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